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SUMMARY: THE RULES OF PROCEDURE WERE APPROVED BY THE PREP COM ON JANUARY 21. LATE PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE GUIDELINES FOR AUDIO-VISUAL PRESENTATIONS RESULTED IN LANGUAGE MODIFICATION OF ONE SECTION OF THE GUIDELINES AND AN EXPLANATORY PARAGRAPH IN THE PREP COM REPORT. THE US EXPRESSED STRONG RESERVATIONS WITH REGARD TO THE EXPANDED ROLE OF OBSERVERS. END SUMMARY

1. THE PREP COM APPROVED THE DRAFT RULES OF PROCEDURE AS RECOMMENDED BY THE INFORMAL CONSULTATIVE GROUP. THESE ARE ESSENTIALLY THE RULES OF PREVIOUS UN CONFERENCES, BUT INCLUDE PROVISIONS FOR THE USE OF AUDIO-VISUAL MATERIALS, A UNIQUE COMPONENT OF THE HABITAT CONFERENCE. US DEL MADE A STRONG STATEMENT FOLLOWING APPROVAL, INDICATING US RESERVATIONS REGARDING THE EXPANSION OF THE ROLE OF OBSERVERS. TEXT OF STATEMENT AS FOLLOWS:

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"THE UNITED STATES WOULD LIKE TO NOTE FOR THE RECORD THAT WE HAVE STRONG RESERVATIONS ABOUT THE WISDOM OF APPARENTLY ATTEMPTING TO GIVE OBSERVERS AN EXPANDED ROLE AS PROPOSED IN THE TWO DRAFT RULES OF PROCEDURE, 51 AND 52. THE CHANGES THAT MIGHT BE SEEN IN THESE RULES COULD BLUR THE DISTINCTIONS BETWEEN THE ROLE OF FULL PARTICIPANTS AND OBSERVERS, AND DEFEAT THE PURPOSE OF FORMING SMALL WORKING GROUPS TO EXPEDITE THE BUSINESS OF THE CONFERENCE. OUR RESERVATION IN NO WAY REFLECTS ANY CHANGE IN OUR POLICY IN REGARD TO ANY LIBERATION MOVEMENTS."

2. RULE 31 (MAJORITY REQUIRED) REMAINS AS IN THE ORIGINAL VERSION (A/CONF.70/PC/19); RULE 12 WAS MODIFIED TO ACCOMMODATE ARRANGEMENTS FOR AUDIO-VISUAL PRESENTATIONS, AND RULE 18 WAS AMENDED TO SUBJECT CAPSULE FILMS TO THE SAME RULES AS SPEECHES. BOTH AMENDMENTS ARE CONTAINED IN A/CONF.70/PC/27/AMEND. 1 AND REFLECT THE LANGUAGE AGREED UPON BY THE CONSULTATIVE GROUP WHEN IT COMPLETED ITS REGULAR DISCUSSIONS ON JANUARY 16.

3. TWO LATE CHANGES WERE PROPOSED TO THE GUIDELINES FOR AUDIO-VISUAL PRESENTATIONS. THE FIRST (JANUARY 20) WAS SUBMITTED BY THE EGYPTIANS, FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING PUBLIC SCREENING ACCESS FOR FILMS PRESENTED BY NATIONAL LIBERATION MOVEMENTS ON AN EQUAL FOOTING WITH GOVERNMENTS. (SEE PART II, PARA 2.6 OF A/CONF.70/PC/27, ANNEX II) THIS LANGUAGE WAS BROADENED TO INCLUDE ALL PARTICIPANTS OTHER THAN NGO'S, ALLOWING SPECIALIZED AGENCIES AND OTHER INTERGOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS TO HAVE PUBLIC SCREENINGS (IN ADDITION TO NATIONAL LIBERATION MOVEMENTS), WHILE ALSO ACCOMMODATING SECRETARIAT CONCERNS THAT PROVIDING PUBLIC SCREENINGS FOR ALL PARTICIPANTS WOULD OVERWHELM CONFERENCE FACILITIES. (SEE A/CONF.70/PC/27/AMEND.1 PARA 6.)

4. THE OTHER PROPOSED GUIDELINES MODIFICATION WAS SUBMITTED JANUARY 22 BY THE CONFERENCE SECRETARIAT FOR THE PURPOSE

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OF ALLOWING INCLUSION OF SHORT FILM CLIPS, WHICH ARE NEITHER PARTS OF LARGER FILM PRESENTATIONS NOR FILM CAPSULES, DURING NATIONAL STATEMENTS AT THE PLENARY. SECRETARIAT'S LANGUAGE WAS NOT ACCEPTED. INSTEAD IT WAS AGREED THAT THE PREP COM REPORT WOULD INCLUDE A RECOMMENDATION THAT THE SECRETARIAT PERMIT DELEGATIONS TO DO SO. LANGUAGE AGREED UPON WAS AS FOLLOWS:

"WITH REGARD TO PARAGRAPH 2 OF PART I OF THE DRAFT
GUIDELINES FOR THE USE OF AUDIO-VISUAL PRESENTA-
TIONS, THE PREP COM AGREED TO RECOMMEND TO THE
CONFERENCE THAT LEADERS OF DELEGATIONS BE PERMITTED
TO MAKE A FILM PRESENTATION, USING THE FACILITIES
FOR CAPSULE FILMS, ONCE DURING THEIR NATIONAL
STATEMENT IN THE PLENERY, FOR NOT MORE THAN
THREE MINUTES, PROVIDED THAT SUCH PRESENTATIONS
WOULD BE REGARDED AS AN INTEGRAL PART OF A
SPEECH FOR THE PURPOSE OF THE RULES OF
PROCEDURE AND THAT THE RULES OF PROCEDURE
AND PARAS 3,5,6, AND 7 OF PART I OF THE
GUIDELINES WOULD APPLY." END
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